SUBJECT: Japanese A Level

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SYNPOSIS OF CONTENT:

The course covers 4 different themes which look deeply into Modern day society as well as key Historical events. The course also involves the study of film and literature as well as an Independent Research Project. Students will use authentic spoken and written sources from a variety of contexts and genres. Students will develop research skills in the language as part of the course, focusing on an area of personal interest related to the Japanese-speaking world. There is a prescribed list of grammar for A Level that students will be expected to study and apply in class and in their independent study.

WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

Studying Japanese not only allows you to further your language knowledge to a much higher standard than that of GCSE but also broadens you understanding of 20th Century history, contemporary film and significant literature. It enables you to develop many transferable skills ready for University, such as analysing and researching, In addition to this, it has often been said that learning and knowing a foreign language makes you more employable and opens up a world of opportunity.

SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES:
Wider reading around the topics is essential through using Target Language websites, Magazines and Documentaries.

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

Paper 1: Listening, Reading & Translation into English. 40% Paper 2: Translation into Japanese and 2 written pieces based on the film and literary texts. 30% Paper 3:Discussion on a theme and discussion on the independent research project. 30% Students will be assessed at regular intervals, through vocabulary/translation, past papers, exam condition essay writing and mock exam periods.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Revision and film study day opportunities may arise.

SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS
Students are required to be Native Speakers in order to access this course.